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Potomac Basin News Release

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ICPRB Commissioners to Discuss Water Quality and Water Resources Initiatives

The Commissioners representing the Potomac jurisdictions will meet in Gettysburg, Pa., on June 11 and 12, 2007, to learn about and discuss state and commission efforts to improve water quality and resources throughout the basin.

Commissioners attending the ICPRB quarterly business meeting will learn about Chesapeake Bay restoration strategies undertaken by Maryland and West Virginia, and how they relate to the Potomac basin.

Commission staff will brief the Commissioners about the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study that Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia are performing together to address the contamination of fish in the Potomac estuary from polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Elevated levels of the solvent, now banned but once used heavily in many industrial products and processes, requires that a plan be devised to reduce the contamination. The ICPRB is performing parts of the study and coordinating the activities of the jurisdictions.

The group will also will consider the proposed ICPRB budget for Fiscal Year 2008, and discuss future funding issues.

The ICPRB quarterly business meeting is open to the public. If you would like to attend the meeting or get more information, please contact Bo Park at (301) 984-1908 ext. 101, or email at bpark@icprb.org.

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The ICPRB is an interstate compact commission established by Congress in 1940. Its mission is the enhancement, protection, and conservation of the water resources of the Potomac River and its tributaries through regional and interstate cooperation. Represented by appointed commissioners, the ICPRB includes the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the federal government.